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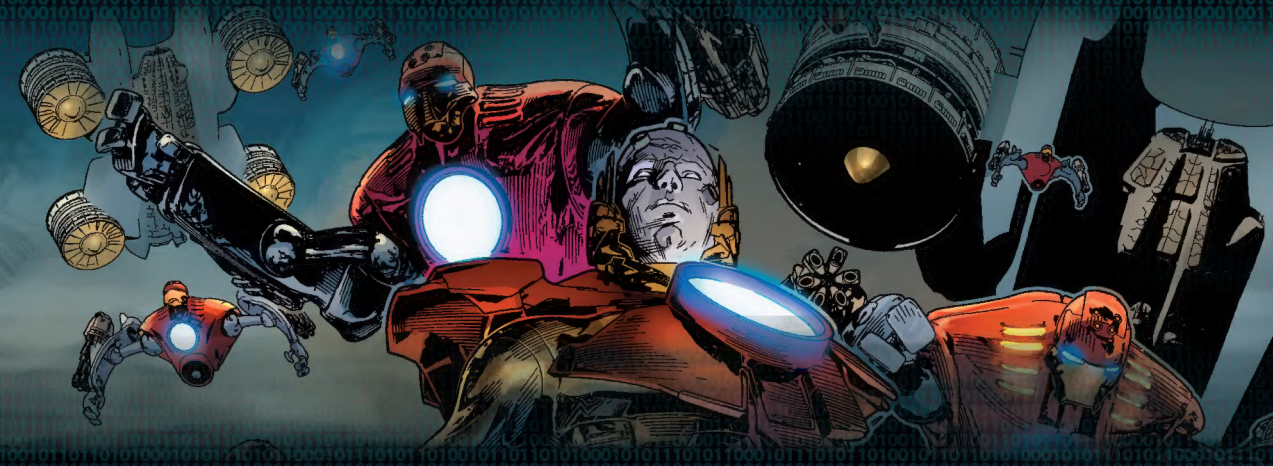

PREVIOUSLY IN AGE OF ULTRON...

YEARS AGO, FOUNDING AVENGER HENRY PYM INVENTED THE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE KNOWN AS ULTRON. ONCE ULTRON BECAME SENTIENT, HE DEDICATED HIS EXISTENCE TO DESTROYING HUMANITY AND EVENTUALLY SUCCEEDED. IN AN ATTEMPT TO PREVENT THE RISE OF ULTRON, WOLVERINE AND SUSAN RICHARDS JOURNEY INTO THE PAST TO UNDO THE VERY EXISTENCE OF ULTRON--BY KILLING HENRY PYM.

RETURNING TO THE PRESENT, WOLVERINE AND SUE DISCOVER A WORLD RADICALLY ALTERED BY THE PREMATURE DEATH OF HANK PYM. SET UPON BY A FAMILIAR-BUT-DIFFERENT BAND OF ADVENTURERS CALLING THEMSELVES THE DEFENDERS, THE PAIR WAS FORCED TO FIGHT FOR THEIR FREEDOM. BUT DESPITE THEIR BEST EFFORTS THE DEFENDERS GOT THE UPPER HAND, AND SUCCEEDED IN DELIVERING THEM TO THE MAN IN CHARGE: TONY STARK.

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MISTER STARK, DUAL PSYCHIC PULL MEMORY FILES CONVERTED, MATCHED, UPLOADED AND READY FOR VIEWING.

ALL RIGHT, JARVIS, SHOW ME.

GOOD LORD.

MR. STARK.

GIVE ME A MINUTE.

JUST-- I'M GOING TO NEED A MINUTE HERE.

IT'S NOT EVERY DAY YOU SEE AN ENTIRE ALTERNATE TIMELINE UNFOLD IN FRONT OF YOU.

TELL ME AGAIN. TELL ME EVERYTHING.

STARK, WE ALREADY LET YOU CONVERT *THIS* WOLVERINE AND SUSAN RICHARDS' MEMORIES INTO FILES.

WHICH I HAVE *SERIOUS* MORAL ISSUES WITH.

YOU'RE SEEING EVERYTHING WE SAW.

IT'S *INSANE.*

IT'S--IT'S A *FANTASIA* OF INSANITY.

JARVIS, I WANT ALL OF THIS LOGGED, CATALOGUED, AND ORGANIZED.

YES, SIR.

THIS IS GOING TO TAKE THE REST OF *MY LIFE* TO GO THROUGH.

TELL ME THIS ISN'T REAL.

TELL ME BEFORE I GO FULL-ON NUTBALLS.

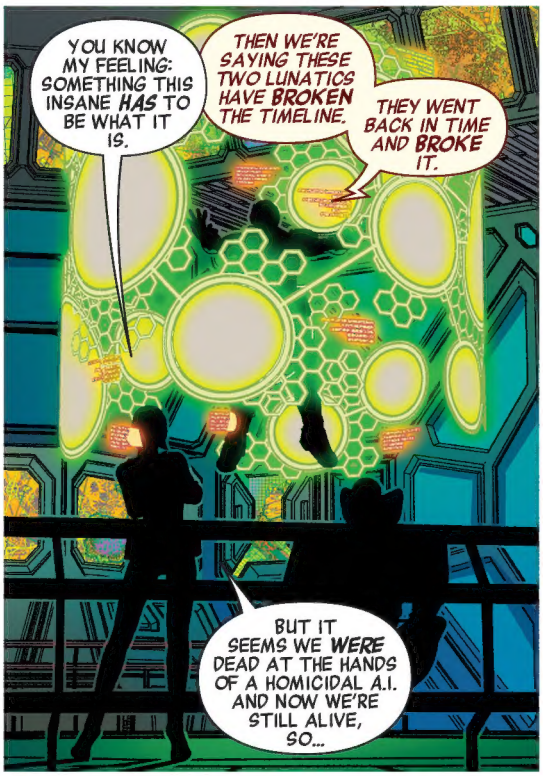
MEMORY ENGRAM
THAT MAN IS, WITHOUT QUESTION, JAMES HOWLETT.
A.K.A. LOGAN.
A.K.A. WEAPON X.
A.K.A. WOLVERINE.
JUST NOT OUR WOLVERINE.

AND HE CAME HERE WITH SUSAN RICHARDS.
THAT IS HER.
JUST, AGAIN, NOT, ACCORDING TO THEIR MEMORIES, OUR SUSAN RICHARDS.

THE NARRATIVE INSIDE EACH OF THEIR HEADS IS IDENTICAL.
PERFECTLY IN SYNC.
YOU CANNOT-- YOU CANNOT FAKE THAT KIND OF PSYCHIC SYNCHRONICITY.
THEY BOTH, OVER THE LAST FEW WEEKS, SAW AND EXPERIENCED THE EXACT SAME HORRIBLE MEMORIES.

BUT FROST, XAVIER, COME ON...
YOU'RE TELLING ME THERE'S NO WAY THAT MORGANA LE FEY PLANTED THOSE MEMORIES?
THERE'S NO WAY SHE HAS DROPPED THEM HERE-- THAT THIS ISN'T SOME SORT OF CLONE/ FAKE MEMORY/ TROJAN HORSE/ MAGIC BOMB ABOUT TO BLOW UP IN OUR FACES?

IF SHE, HEY, IF MORGANA HAS GOTTEN THAT GOOD-- IF SHE HAS THIS LEVEL OF NEW TRICKS UP HER SLEEVE--
SHE WINS.
I DON'T SEE HOW THIS GETS HER WHAT SHE WANTS.
YOU DON'T THINK THIS IS HER?
I THINK THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT IT APPEARS TO BE.


YOU KNOW MY FEELING: SOMETHING THIS INSANE HAS TO BE WHAT IT IS.
THEN WE'RE SAYING THESE TWO LUNATICS HAVE BROKEN THE TIMELINE.
THEY WENT BACK IN TIME AND BROKE IT.
BUT IT SEEMS WE WERE DEAD AT THE HANDS OF A HOMICIDAL A.I. AND NOW WE'RE STILL ALIVE, SO...

OUR WOLVERINE WOULD LIKE TO INTERROGATE THIS OTHER WOLVERINE.
I'M SURE.
NO.
I WANT YOU TO SEND ALL OF THE DEFENDERS AWAY.
EVEN COLONEL AMERICA?
ESPECIALLY COLONEL AMERICA.

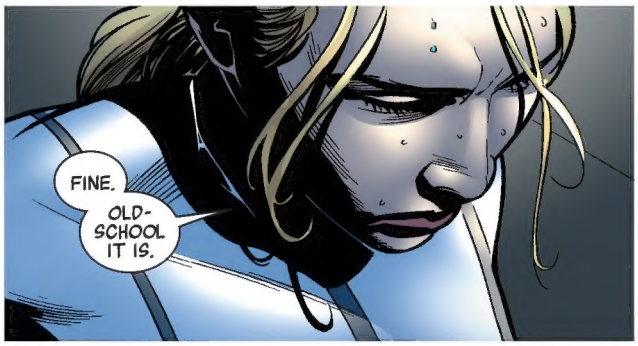
THAT'S ALL I NEED IS AN EARFUL OF HIS MOUTH.
AND I WANT IT VERY CLEAR-- NOBODY ELSE KNOWS ABOUT THIS.
I MEAN NOBODY.

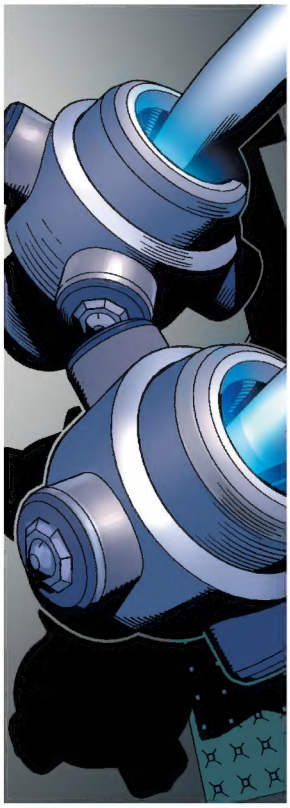
DO YOU WANT ME TO ERASE THIS FROM THE DEFENDERS' BRAINS?
SEND THEM ON THEIR WAY NO WORSE FOR WORRY?
YEAH, YEAH...
YOU KNOW HOW I FEEL ABOUT THAT KIND OF ABUSE, FROST.

JARVIS, PULL UP THE OLD AVENGERS ARCHIVES.
S.H.I.E.L.D. HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION EVIDENCE.
DR. HENRY PYM LABORATORY SECURITY FOOTAGE.
YOU KNOW THE ONE.
YES, SIR.

YOU KNOW, FOREVER WE THOUGHT HANK PYM WAS MURDERED BY SKRULLS.
COULD USE A BEER.
YA GOT BEER ON THIS TUB?
YOU'RE SO LIKE YOURSELF IT'S SCARY.
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE REST OF YA, STARK?
IT SEEMS YOU DID.
I LOST HALF OF MY BODY IN THE LATVERIA-ASGARD WARS.
THE LAST TIME I EVER SAW THOR.
I WAS RIPPED IN HALF ALONG WITH MY ARMOR TRYING TO KEEP MORGANA LE FEY FROM CONQUERING THIS HALF OF THE WORLD AS WELL AS ALL OF EUROPE..
BUT IT SEEMS NONE OF THAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED IF HANK PYM WAS STILL ALIVE.
JARVIS, SHOW US THE DR. HENRY PYM HOMICIDE--LABORATORY SECURITY FOOTAGE.
SECURITY CAMERA. DIDN'T THINK YOU HAD THOSE INSTALLED.
YOU KILLED MY VERY GOOD FRIEND.
THE AVENGERS BROKE UP SOON AFTER THIS.
MAGIC WON IN A BATTLE AGAINST TECHNOLOGY. ASGARD ABANDONED US.
YOU BROKE THE WORLD.

I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK TO SOMEONE.


FINE.
OLD-SCHOOL IT IS.



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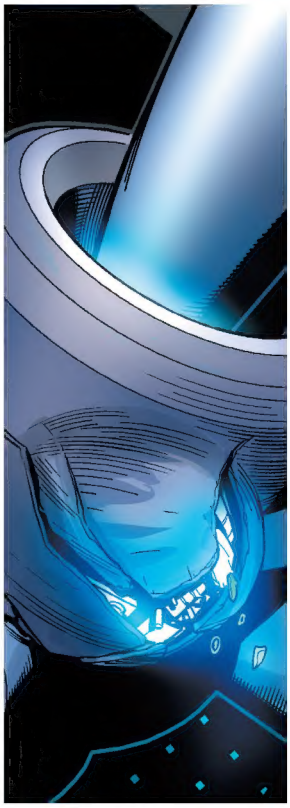
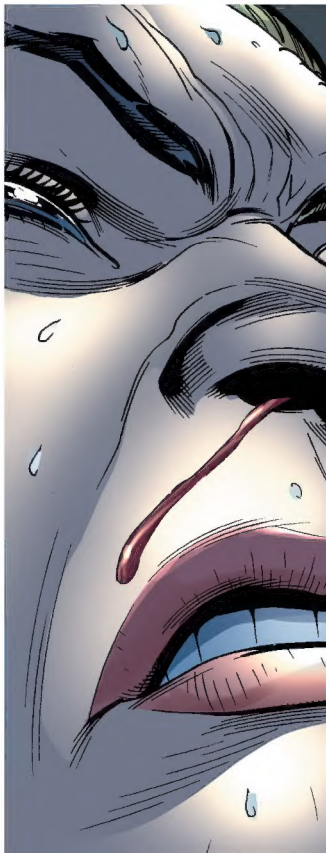




CAN I GO?
WHERE WOULD YOU BE GOING?
HOW DOES THIS WORK? AM I UNDER ARREST? ARE YOU KING OF THE WORLD NOW?
TELL ME YOU KNOW WHAT THE BUTTERFLY EFFECT IS.
MY WHOLE LIFE IS A BUTTERFLY EFFECT.
YA THINK I DID THE WRONG THING?
BECAUSE THE WORLD I LEFT WAS DEAD.
ALL CUZ OF A ROBOT YOUR FRIEND MADE IN HIS BASEMENT.
NOT A ROBOT. ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.
DID YOU TRY TO TALK HIM OUT OF IT?
DID YOU TRY TO GET HIM TO SEE THE ERROR OF HIS WAYS?
WHATEVER YOU SAY.
PYM? YEAH.
IT DIDN'T TAKE.
JUST LIKE YOU, THE OTHER YOU, SAID IT WOULDN'T.
IT'S A RELIGION TO YOU GUYS, YA SEE SOMETHIN' WORTH BUILDIN', YOU'RE GONNA BUILD IT.
YA HAVE TO BUILD IT.
SO YOU KILLED HIM?
IT'S WHAT I DO. THAT'S MY RELIGION.
AND NOW YOU THINK YOURSELF THE SELFLESS HERO.
THE MAN WHO SAVED THE WORLD.
BUB, I AIN'T PROUD OF MYSELF.
YOU THINK THIS WORLD IS A BETTER PLACE?
YOU ABSOLUTE FOOL.

NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE YOU ON A STARKGUARD CARRIER AGAIN, COLONEL.
JANET, DON'T TEASE HIM.
YOU GUYS KNOW I'M JUST TRYING TO MAKE WITH THE FUNNY WHILE WE WAIT HERE AND--
WE SHOULD GO. WE SHOULDN'T BE HERE.
WE SHOULD BE DOWN THERE SHAKING THIS TREE OURSELVES.
I CAN'T BELIEVE THERE'S ANOTHER ONE OF YOU, WOLVERINE.
YOU SAID THAT ALREADY, QUILL.
WHY'S EVERYTHING GOT TO BE SECRET AND CRYPTIC WITH STARK?
IF THAT'S SUZIE, MAN, WE USED TO BE LIKE FAMILY.
I SHOULD BE TALKIN' TO HER. I SHOULD--
IT'S NOT REALLY THEM, BEN. HOW COULD IT BE?
AR
SETTLE DOWN, DEFENDERS.
I DON'T LIKE THIS ANY MORE THAN YOU DO, BUT LET'S WAIT AND SEE IF STARK CAN FIND IT IN HIMSELF TO--
HEADS UP, THE ICE QUEEN COMETH.
NICE.
LISTEN, STARK WANTS YOU GUYS TO GO BACK TO DEFENDERS SANCTORUM AND DO WHATEVER IT IS YOU DO ALL DAY.
HE'LL CALL YOU WHEN WE HAVE THIS ALL SORTED.
LET'S RESPECT THE MAN'S PROCESS.
THE HELL HE WILL AND THE HELL WE WILL.

LISTEN TO YOUR DOCTOR, LOGAN.
HE TOLD YOU TO SETTLE DOWN. SO SETTLE DOWN.
I KNOW THIS IS UPSETTING TO YOU.
STOP READING MY MIND, LADY.
I WOULD NEVER READ YOUR MIND. IT'S DISGUSTING IN THERE.
WHAT ABOUT SUSAN?!
DID YOU MISS THE PART WHERE I SAID THIS IS A SECURITY MATTER?
AND, AS ALWAYS, STARK DOESN'T FEEL HE CAN TRUST US.
IT'S NOT ABOUT THAT, COLONEL.
SCREW THIS.
HEY!
STOP!
OR I'LL SHUT YOUR BRAIN DOWN SO HARD YOU'LL FORGET YOUR POTTY TRAINING.
YOU DO NOT TOUCH A DEFENDER, FROST.
ABOUT THAT YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED.
I'VE CHANGED MY MIND. GO, BEN.
CABLE, BACK THEM UP.
EVERYONE ELSE IN POSITION.
VISHANTI SPELL OF DISORIENTATION, BOOK OF VISHANTI PAGE 73.
WHICH WAY?
FOLLOW ME.
STARK WILL KILL YOU.

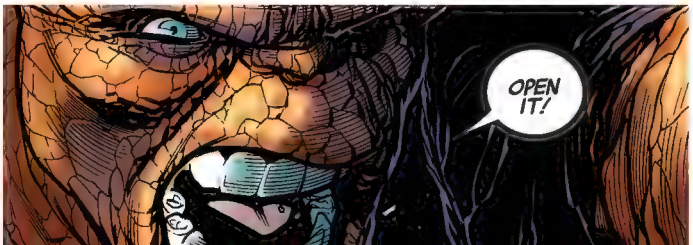
YOU NEVER CONSIDERED ANYTHING ELSE?
A TIME-RELEASE VIRUS?
WHATEVER THAT IS.
IF I WAS ALIVE TO HELP YOU, IF REED RICHARDS WAS ALIVE TO HELP YOU, WE WOULD--WE SHOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO CREATE A VIRUS--

WELL HE WASN'T AND YOU DIDN'T.

WHERE IS SHE?!
SUBTLE.
NO TIME!

IF YOU ARE SO HELL-BENT ON RUINING TIME AND SPACE--YOU COULD-- HANK PYM COULD HAVE INSTALLED SOMETHING IN HIS ORIGINAL ULTRON PROGRAM.
LET THE WORLD UNVEIL ITSELF AS IT WAS SUPPOSED TO, UNSPOOL ITSELF AS IT WAS SUPPOSED TO, GROW AS IT WAS SUPPOSED TO...
SECURITY BREACH.
AND JUST AS THIS ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE WAS ABOUT TO ACHIEVE HIS ULTIMATE GOAL...

OPEN IT.
I HAVE ORDERS.
CRUSH HIS HEAD LIKE AN EGG!
OH GOD!


OPEN IT!

THAT'S A NICE THEORY AND ALL, STARK, BUT I DID WHAT I HAD TO DO WITH WHAT I HAD.
MISTER STARK, WE ARE IN LOCKDOWN.
LOCKDOWN?
YOU SON OF A BITCH.
THAT WAS QUITE A TRICK, LE FEY.
LE FEY?!
YOU'LL NEVER GET AWAY WITH THIS!
OPEN IT!
SHE WAS JUST HERE.
THE SCENT IS STRONG.
KLUMP
SHE WAS IN HERE.
INVISIBLE.
OLDEST TRICK IN THE BOOK.
DAMN, I'M ACTUALLY EMBARRASSED.

SUSAN, OR WHOEVER OR WHATEVER YOU ARE, I CAN SEE YOU.
I CAN SEE ALL SPECTRUMS.
I'M GONNA KILL YOU FOR WHAT YOU'VE DONE.
FROST, XAVIER, KEEP THE DEFENDERS ON BOARD AND GET THE ALPHA DRONES TEAM READY!

HOLD ON, TONY...
THIS IS WHY NO ONE TRUSTS YOU DEFENDERS...

DEFENDERS, BRACE YOURSELVES!
THIS IS IT? IT'S HAPPENING NOW?

"YOU BROUGHT HER HERE."

I HOPE YOU KNOW IT WAS A SUICIDE MISSION.
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.
I JUST WANT TO SEE MY KIDS!

SIR...
ALL CARRIERS--BATTLE STATIONS.
RED ALERT.

"WE ARE AT WAR."

"MORGANA LE FEY IS HERE!"

THIS IS IT!

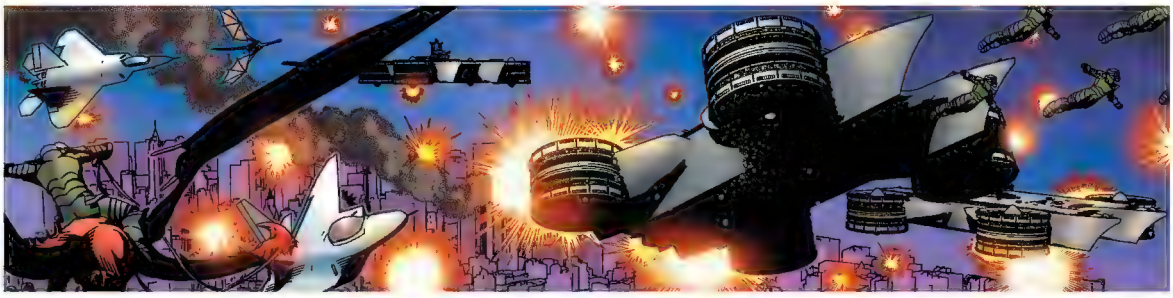
WE'RE NOT READY!

WE'RE NOT NEARLY READY!

WHEN WERE WE EVER GOING TO BE?!

EVANODOR ATTACK SPELL, SCROLL OF WABAWAB.
MASSENTEAR'S LEVITATION SPELL, FROM THE ORAL SCROLLS OF TOOLI.
EVANODOR COMPATRIOT BOOST SPELL, SCROLL OF WABAWAB.

DAMN YOU, DEMON!
AGH!
AGH!
AGH! WHAT THE DAMN HELL!
GET TOPSIDE, WE'RE UNDER ATTACK!
FULL DRONE PLATOON!
SIR, THE CARRIER CAN'T TAKE ANOTHER HIT THAT--
EVERYTHING INTO THE DRONES!



LE FEY!

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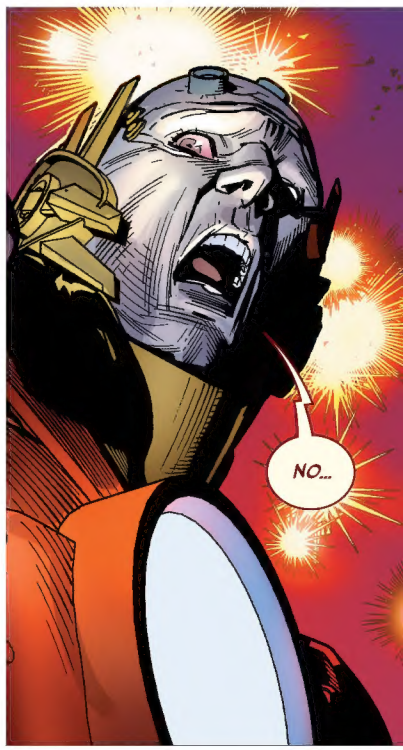
I DON'T KNOW WHAT THIS WONKY TIMELINE PLAN OF YOURS IS, BUT YOU WON'T WIN, LE FEY!
YOU WON'T WIN!

AS ALWAYS, STARK, I BARELY UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.
BUT, DO TURN AROUND, I DON'T WANT YOU TO MISS THIS.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WOLVERINE VERSUS WOLVERINE!